



Innovative Medicines Initiative



1st Call for proposals under IMI 2: join the partnership!

The **Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)** has launched its **1st Call for proposals under IMI 2**, giving researchers from diverse sectors the opportunity to participate in **ambitious public-private partnerships** that will pave the way for the development of the **medicines of the future**.

IMI warmly encourages **small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), medium-sized companies, patients' organisations, regulatory authorities, academic teams, industry, hospitals** and other organisations to form consortia and apply to participate in the new IMI projects.

This Call for proposals has **two topics**:

- Translational approaches to disease modifying therapy of **type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM)**
- Discovery and validation of novel endpoints in **dry age-related macular degeneration** and **diabetic retinopathy**

DEADLINE for submitting proposals

→ 12 November 2014 - 17:00 CET

Find out more: bit.ly/IMI2Call1

What's new in IMI 2?

- New **Strategic Research Agenda** – getting the right prevention and treatment to the right patient at the right time
- **Simplified rules** (in line with Horizon 2020)
- **More types of organisation** now eligible for funding
- **Simpler funding rates**
- Option for **other industrial / large-scale partners** to contribute

Sign up for the IMI 2 – Call 1 info sessions

- **Webinars** run by the IMI Programme Office
- **IMI 2 Info Day** run by the IMI Programme Office
- **Info sessions** run by local IMI contacts across Europe

Find out more:

www.imi.europa.eu/content/events

Why apply?

- Obtain research **funding**
- Take part in **scientifically excellent, patient-centric research**
- Join **unique consortia** involving **top teams** from industry, academia, SMEs, regulators, and others
- Benefit from the **expertise, databases, and infrastructures** of consortium partners
- Boost the **visibility** and **status** of your organisation in Europe and globally and gain **access to new markets**

Find project partners

IMI's **Partner Search tool** allows people interested in applying for IMI funding to search for potential project partners.

- www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search
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Spread the word

IMI's Calls for proposals offer researchers across Europe a unique opportunity to participate in ground-breaking projects that aim to deliver tangible benefits for patients. Spread the word by **forwarding this flyer to your contacts and networks**.

- You can also use the material at: www.imi.europa.eu/content/documents
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About the Innovative Medicines Initiative

The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is working to **improve health** by speeding up the development of, and patient access to, **the next generation of medicines**, particularly in areas where there is an **unmet medical or social need**. It does this by **facilitating collaboration** between the key players involved in healthcare research, including universities, the pharmaceutical and other industries, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), patient organisations, and medicines regulators.

IMI is a **partnership** between the **European Union** and the **European pharmaceutical industry**, represented by the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA). IMI has a budget of **€3.276 billion** for the period 2014-2024. Half of this comes from the EU. The other half comes from large companies, mostly from the pharmaceutical sector; these do not receive any EU funding, but contribute to the projects 'in kind', for example by donating their researchers' time or providing access to research facilities or resources.

IMI was launched in 2008 and currently has 46 ongoing projects, with more in the pipeline. Some focus on **specific health issues** such as neurological conditions (Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, depression, chronic pain, and autism), diabetes, lung disease, oncology, inflammation & infection, tuberculosis, and obesity.

Others focus on **broader challenges in drug development** like drug and vaccine safety, knowledge management, the sustainability of chemical drug production, the use of stem cells for drug discovery, drug behaviour in the body, the creation of a European platform to discover novel medicines, and antimicrobial resistance. In addition to research projects, IMI supports **education and training** projects.

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